

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Independent claims 1, 7, 8, 12 and claims 5, 11 that depend respectively therefrom have been amended herein to further clarify what applicants regard as the invention. Claim 10 has been cancelled, and new claim 13 added herein to emphasize various novel features of applicants' invention - no new matter has been added.

Applicants' representative thanks the Examiner for courtesies extended during the telephone interview of October 29, 2004, wherein the Examiner's proposed amendments to the drawings were agreed to, and the limitation of "the mount attachable to a converting component to provide a hip-clip that secures the portable electronic unit to a user's belt" was noted to overcome the enablement rejection, as discussed below.

Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

I. Objections to the Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR §1.121(d) & §1.83(a), and the Examiner has proposed drawing amendments to overcome such objections. Applicants' representative has amended Figs. 13 & 15 to incorporate the Examiner's proposed amendments, and the drawings show every limitation in the claims as amended herein. Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

A marked up version of such Figures are also enclosed. A new set of formal drawings incorporating the changes will be filed as a separate document.

II. Rejection of Claims 1-12 Under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

Claims 1-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 first paragraph, for non-compliance with the enablement requirement. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested for at least the following reasons.

Independent claim 1 recites "the mount attachable to a converting component to provide a hip-clip that secures the portable electronic unit to a user's belt" – such subject matter is supported by the Specification, for example at page 12, line 3-22. Similar subject

matter is recited in independent claims 7, 8 and 12.

In view of the at least above comments it is readily apparent that independent claim 1 (and claims 2-6 dependent therefrom), claim 7, claim 8 (and claims 9, 11 dependent therefrom), and claim 12 comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112 first paragraph, and this rejection should be withdrawn.

III. Rejection of Claim 12 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(a)

Claim 12 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Kurcbart *et al.* (WO 90/08431). Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested for at least the following reasons. Kurcbart *et al.* does not teach or suggest the claimed invention.

For a prior art reference to anticipate, 35 U.S.C. §102 requires that “each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently, in a single prior art reference. In re Robertson, 169 F.3d 743, 745, 49 USPQ2d 1949, 1950 (Fed. Cir. 1999) (quoting *Verdegaal Bros., Inc. v. Union Oil Co.*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987)).

Applicants’ claimed invention is directed to a housing with a mount attachable to a converting component, and at least one of: ***a slot formed*** that removably accepts a compact flash card, and ***a pen compartment***. Such aspects of the claimed invention are not taught or suggested by Kurcbart *et al.* Rather, Kurcbart *et al.* is directed to a plurality of attachment devices for a pager, and does not disclose: a housing with slot that removably accepts a flash card, nor a pen compartment as part of the housing.

Independent claim 12 recites means for housing a pen, and new claim 13 dependent therefrom recites means for ejecting a flash card from a slot of the housing. It is readily apparent that Kurcbart *et al.* does not teach or suggest such aspects of the invention as recited in the subject claims. In view of the at least above comments it is respectfully submitted that this rejection should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

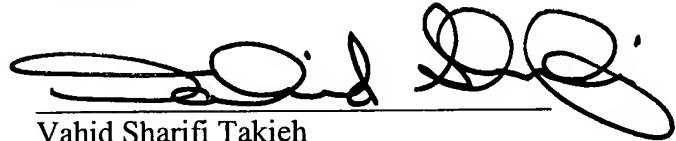
The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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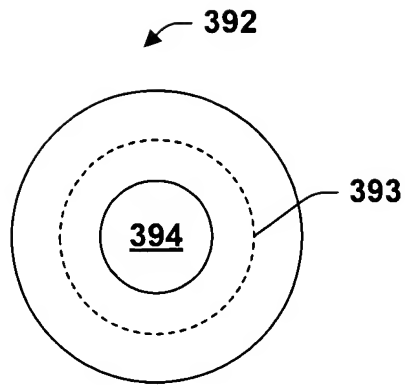


FIG. 12

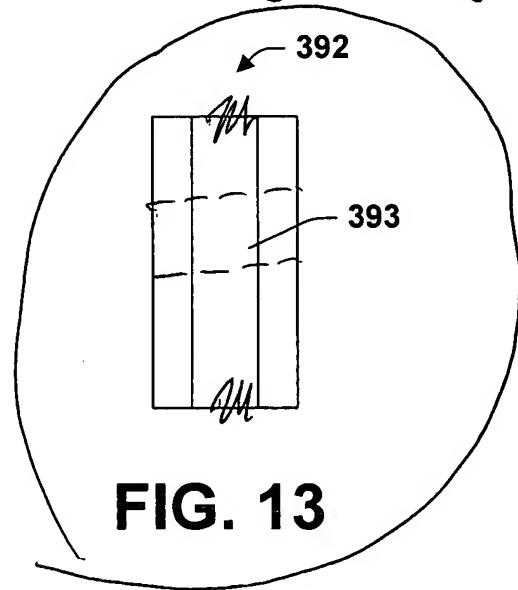


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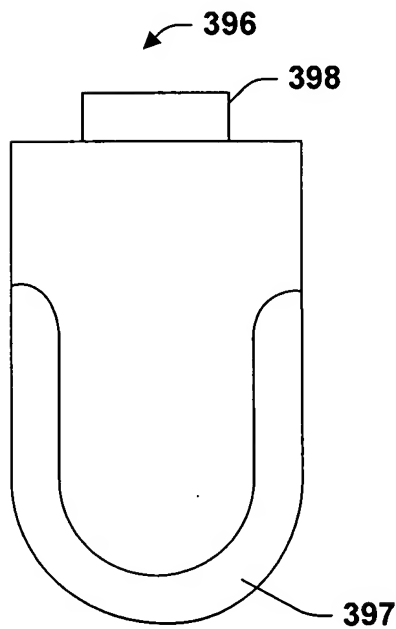


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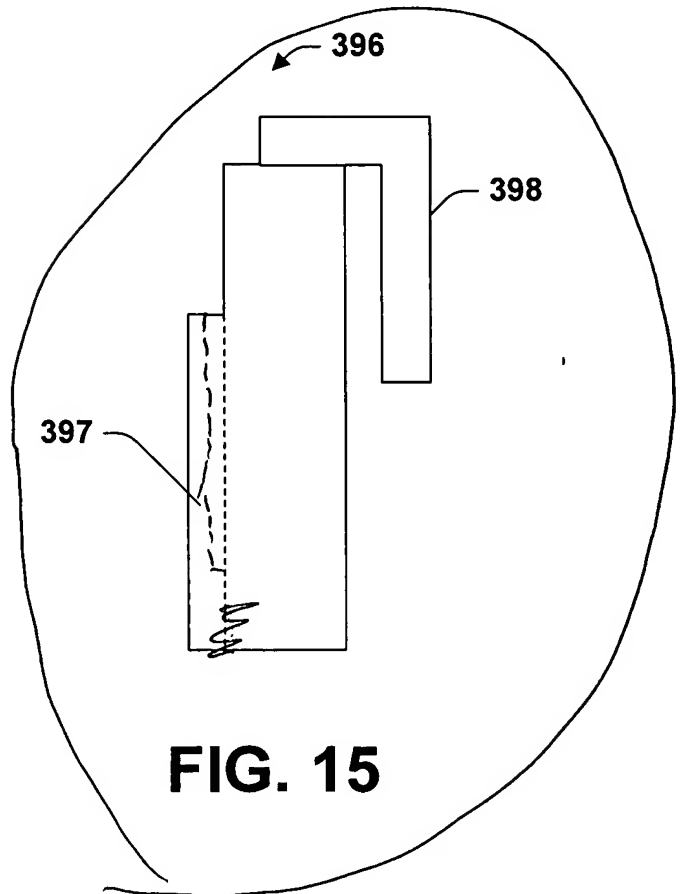


FIG. 15